

McIntosh (apple)

| <i>Malus domestica</i> (McIntosh) |
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| McIntosh on a tree |
| <u>Hybrid parentage</u> |
| Unknown |
| <u>Cultivar</u> |
| McIntosh |
| Origin |

The **McIntosh Red** (or **McIntosh**; colloquially, **the Mac**) is an [apple cultivar](#) with red and green skin, a tart flavor, and tender white flesh. It ripens in late September. It is traditionally the most popular cultivar in [Eastern Canada](#) and [New England](#), well known for the pink [applesauce](#) unpeeled McIntoshes make. It is also well-suited for [cider](#) and [pies](#). It is common to find this cultivar packed in children's lunches in North America owing to its small to medium size and longstanding reputation as a healthy snack. ^{[\[original research?\]](#)}

Every McIntosh apple has a direct lineage to a single tree discovered in 1811 by [John McIntosh](#) on his farm in Dundela, a hamlet near [Morrisburg](#), in [Dundas County](#), [Ontario](#), [Canada](#). He discovered the tree as one of 20 apple seedlings while clearing the farm, which he had just purchased. He transplanted the seedlings, cultivated them, and only one of them was still alive by 1830. The surviving apple tree lived until 1906.



A McIntosh as bought, showing colouring

The Snow Apple, also known as the Fameuse, is believed to be a parent of the McIntosh. Offspring of the Mac include, among many others, the firmer [Macoun](#) (a [Jersey Black](#) cross), the [Spartan](#) (recorded as a [Newtown Pippin](#) cross), the [Cortland](#), the [Empire](#), the Jonamac, the Jersey Mac and possibly the [Paula Red](#).

William Tyrrell Macoun of the [Central Experimental Farm](#) in [Ottawa](#) is credited with popularizing this variety of apple in Canada.

The McIntosh was the source of the name of [Apple's](#) [Macintosh](#) computer.^[1]

In a 1965 episode of [Get Smart](#) titled "Too Many Chiefs", KAOS impersonator Alexei Sebastian, pretending to be the Chief, tricks Maxwell Smart with a false new code sign: "I say Apples and you say McIntosh."^[2]

In the TV show "My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic" there is a character named "Big Macintosh".